are taking for making an improvement in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Based on the information available from the National Decade Master Plan document it has been assessed that the total surface water resource in the country is of the order of 176.8 million hectar metres of which the utilisable surface water resource is of the order of about 67 million hectar metres. Likewise, the ground water potential has been assessed as 42.29 million hectar metres of which the exploited ground water resource is of the order of 10 million hectar metres. These water resources are being used for all purposes including irrigation, drinking water supply, etc.

As regards the per capita availability of drinking water is concerned, it may be stated that based on the information received from 19 States and Union Territories, the per capita availability of drinking water in various urban areas ranges from 26 litres per capita per day to 375 litres per capita per day. Likewise, the per capita service level for the 31 State capitals in the country ranges from 12 lpcd to 600 lpcd.

(b) The major constraints in increasing the per capia availability of drinking water are mainly limited availability of water resources due to topographic features, limited precipation period in India and inter-se priorities for irrigation and other uses, inadequate financial resources, shortage of skilled manpower and materials, institutional and organisational problems, problem of land acquisition, etc. Moreover this sector has not been given the priority it deserves like other core sectors such as agriculture, power, etc.

(c) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments and Union Territories, the Govt. of India is providing assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Technology Mission and Scarcity Relief Programmes, technical advice through the CPHEEO, development of skilled manpower, management information system, research and development activities and use of micro-computers. The National Water Resource Council is also engaged in the preparation of a National Water Policy Document which will serve as a guideline for development and management of water resources for different uses.

Amendment of the Delhi Rent Control Act

2858. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more and more house owners in Delhi are keeping their premises vacant due to the unjust rent law;

(b) whether the rent law tends to make the tenants virtual owners;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Delhi Rent Control Act to boost the construction of houses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No such survey has been carried out.

(b) There is no such provision in Delhi Rent Control and Act.

(c) and (d) The question of amendment of Delhi Rent Control Act is under consideration with a view to strike a balance between the interests of tenants and landlords.

National Commission on Urbanisation

2859. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission on urbanisation visited various States and whether State Governments have submitted their own proposals to the Commission;

(b) whether the problems of housing and rehabilitation of weaker sections including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minorities are likely to be considered and appropriate relocation policy formulated by the Commission; and

(c) by when the Commission is likely to submit its final report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Commission has visited nine States and Union Territories so far. Most of the States and UTs have submitted their memorandum to the Commission high-lighting the problems of urbanisation.

(b) The Commission will look into various problems having a bearing on urbanisation and make suitable recommendations thereon.

(c) By March, 1988.

STC earnings

2860. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1161 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th March, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the amount of earnings made by the State Trading Corporation by selling overseas edible oil which were contracted to be imported; and

(b) whether the realisation was in Foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As the edible oils operations are on Government account, the earnings were not on STC account.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Component Plan for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Madhya Pradesh

2861. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of component plan for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of results achieved so far in this regard;

(c) whether any Central agency has been established to supervise 'Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes component plan';

(d) if so, the details of such agency working; and

(e) if not, the steps which are being taken by Government to implement the component plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh formulates and implements Special Component Plan for development of